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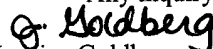
The after-final filed January 2, 2003 has been entered. Claims 59, 61, 71-73, 75, 83-84 are allowable. Claims 59, 61, 73, 75, 84 are drawn to murine SCA2 nucleic acids. Claims 71-72, 83 are drawn to human SCA2 nucleic acids. The art neither teaches nor suggests SEQ ID NO: 2, 4, 19 or nucleic acids encoding SEQ ID NO: 5, 3.


All claims are allowable. However, due to a potential interference, *ex parte* prosecution is SUSPENDED.

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